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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Thomas O. Paine
Administrator, National Aeronautics
and Space Administration

SUBJECT : Proposal to Use Satellite Reconnaissance in Arms Limitation Verification

1. I appreciate your memorandum of 14 May suggesting the use of an "open" satellite reconnaissance program designed to verify U.S. and Soviet adherence to any arms limitation treaty. The proposal was imaginative and well presented.

2. I believe the subject was discussed by the NSSM 28 Steering Committee on 14 May and remanded to U. Alexis Johnson in his capacity as Chairman of the NSAM 158 Committee. As you know, this Committee is responsible for considering political aspects and general policies on satellite reconnaissance.

/s/ Richard Helms

Richard Helms
Director

CONCUR:

/s/ R. J. Smith

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